

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, between line 1 and 2, directly following the title, please insert the following **two** new paragraphs:

-- This application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/EP2003/006615, filed June 24, 2003, designating the United States, which claims the benefit to European Application 02405537.8, filed June 26, 2002, the full disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Field of the Invention --

On page 1, please delete line 4 and substitute the following therefor:

-- Background of the Invention --.

On page 3, please amend the paragraph starting on line 5 as follows:

The seat component to prevent whiplash injury according to the present invention ~~is characterized through the features of claim 1~~ comprises means allowing a displacement of the seat (1) and a person sitting thereon backwards (6) in relation to the direction of movement at a motion change. These means comprise a body (11, 18) to be affixed to or being part of the seat, a slide element (16) affixed to the vehicle (2, 5) and being in guiding contact with said body (11, 18) to guide a translational displacement (6) of the seat (1) over a predetermined distance. It further comprises a trigger system (13) to detect an acceleration threshold, a release mechanism (14) controlled through the trigger system (13) to enable said translational displacement (6), and a damping component (17, 27) to damp said translational displacement (6). The trigger system (13) opens the release mechanism (14) upon detection of an

acceleration value above a predetermined threshold. --

On page 4, please delete line 26 ("Short description of the drawings") and substitute the following therefor:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings --.